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Announcement of the 2014 $5,000 Buchberg Scholar Award and Internship

To Prospective Applicants:

Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc. (SGH) has established the Buchberg Scholar Award to encourage undergraduate college students who strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives, including their civil engineering studies. Brandon Buchberg, P.E. held both an undergraduate and graduate degree from Georgia Institute of Technology (GT) and was a member of SGH’s Building Technology Division, based in our Boston office. In November 2013, Brandon passed away unexpectedly and SGH established this scholarship and internship opportunity in his memory. Brandon was a strong engineer but his depth of character and breath of activities is what truly set him apart.

SGH supports the civil engineering profession and wishes to grant this award to an individual who embodies the strength of character that Brandon demonstrated every day and in all that he did.

What is the Buchberg Scholar Award?

SGH established this award to encourage students in the pursuit of civil engineering to look beyond their studies and recognize the other characteristics that make a well-rounded individual such as making a positive community impact and participating in extracurricular activities. The award includes three parts:

1. Initial Award: $5,000.

2. Internship: An internship with SGH during a semester or summer of the winner’s choice at one of SGH’s office locations. SGH has offices in Boston, New York, Washington D.C., the San Francisco Bay Area, and Southern California.

3. Continuing Award: $5,000/yr. as long as the winner remains a student at Georgia Tech, in good academic standing (as determined by the university), and a civil engineering major.

Who may apply?

All undergraduate-level civil engineering majors who (1) have completed a minimum of one-and-one-half years of a four- or five-year program, (2) expect to complete their undergraduate degree in May 2015 or later, and (3) are in good academic standing are eligible to apply for this award.

What are the selection criteria?

Applications will be judged one-third on professional presentation in the letter of introduction and resume, one-third on the ideas expressed as well as the communication skills demonstrated in
the one-page essay, and one-third on the interviews with the Buchberg Scholar Committee members.

Applicants selected based on their written application will be interviewed first by the local Georgia Tech Buchberg Scholar Committee members. The short-listed applicants will then be interviewed by two members of SGH, at least one of which will be a principal with the firm.

Academic transcripts will be reviewed to determine current academic standing with the university.

**Presentation of the Award**

TBD

**How to Apply**

Students interested in applying for the Buchberg Scholar Award are asked to submit the following:

- A one-page letter introducing the applicant and summarizing their qualifications.
- A resume demonstrating the applicant’s academic record, professional employment and activities, extracurricular activity participation and leadership, and other personal items of interest.
- A one-page essay demonstrating the applicant’s writing ability. The 2014 essay topic is:

  Academic and professional life are largely about balance – making sure you handle course or work responsibilities appropriately, while finding time to participate in other interests that you are passionate about and that benefit others. Proper balance is needed so you can advance professionally without giving up activities that keep you motivated. Discuss what outside activities interest you, how they engage and benefit you and those around you, and how you manage to be successful in your academic responsibilities while maintaining and expanding upon outside interests.

- Up-to four letters of reference. At least one from each of the following categories.
  - Professor of engineering studies at GT.
  - Professional letter of reference (engineering based).
  - Other personal letter of reference.
- Official college and/or university transcript(s).
Send Applications to:

Buchberg Scholar Award Committee
c/o Mary-Ellen Hoban
Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc.
41 Seyon Street
Building 1, Suite 500
Waltham, MA 02453

Applications can be submitted by hard copy to the address above or e-mailed (PDF Format) to Mary-Ellen Hoban at mehoban@sgh.com with the subject “Buchberg Scholar Award.” Applications must be received by 5:30 p.m. on 12 March 2014. If submitting electronically, a hard copy application must follow and shall be received at the above address no later than 5:30 p.m. on 15 March 2014. Applications will not be returned.

You may contact Mary-Ellen Hoban for more information.